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SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT RUMORS OF ECONOMIC MEETINGS

1. AT MORO/RUMOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY, THE ITALIANS RAISED STRONG OBJECTION TO RUMORED PLANS FOR FIVE-POWER ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND INDEED TO THEIR EXCLUSION FROM QUADRIpartite LUNCH IF DISCUSSION HAD AN ECONOMIC FOCUS. THE LATTER WAS DENIED BY THE SECRETARY AND IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE HAD IDEAS OF FIVE-POWER MONETARY TALKS, WE HAD SAID THAT WE COULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO SUCH TALKS HERE AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM THIS CAUSED WITH ITALY. FURTHERMORE, THE LUNCH YESTERDAY WAS HELD AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE EUROPEANS; WE HAD IMMEDIATELY RAISED ITALIAN PROBLEM WHEN THE INVITATION WAS TENDERED BUT WERE UNABLE TO PERSUADE ORGANIZERS TO CHANGE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

2. SECRETARY REPEATED ASSURANCE ALREADY GIVEN YESTERDAY TO RUMOR, THAT SHOULD ECONOMIC SUMMIT BE PROPOSED AGAIN WE WOULD GIVE THE MOST SERIOUS WEIGHT TO ITALIAN CONCERNS RE PARTICIPATION.

3. FYI: CONTACTS WILL CONTINUE ON MEETING IDEA BUT NO US DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON WHETHER AND HOW TO PROCEED ON MATTER. END FYI.

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